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CSI appoints new instructional dean

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TWIN FALLS -- The College of Southern Idaho has hired a Twin Falls School District administrator as instructional dean.

John Miller, the operations director at the Twin Falls School District, succeeds DeVere Burton, who retired last month.

Miller will start next month.

As instructional dean, Miller will oversee the college's technical programs.

"We are excited to have him as part of our administrative team," said Jerry Beck, the college's chief academic officer and executive vice president.

Beck said the college's search committee found that Miller had good connections with dual-credit programs for high schoolers, a relationship with the Division of Professional-Technical Education in Boise, the ability to write grants, knowledge of educational operations and leadership experience. Beck said Miller was chosen out of about 20 applicants.

Miller will start the new position July 15 and will make \$75,000 a year, Beck said. Miller earned \$73,975 with the Twin Falls School District.

Twin Falls Superintendent Wiley Dobbs said Miller will be missed.

"John has been an outstanding director of operations," Dobbs said. "We certainly wish him well."

Dobbs said his administrators and the school board will look at restructuring the district's administrators before searching for a new director of operations.

Miller has held that position since October 2003. Before that, he served as a teacher, coach, dean of students and high school principal in the Kimberly School District from 1988 to 2003. From 1984 to 1987, he was a coach and teacher at Robert Stuart Junior High School in Twin Falls. He graduated from Twin Falls High School.

Miller received a doctorate in educational administration/supervision of instruction from the University of Idaho in May 2004. He also holds bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Idaho. He could not be reached Monday for comment.

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